

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-7 is acknowledged with appreciation. By this amendment, claims 2 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the parent claim 1.

It is noted that the Office Action fails to address claim 8, which was presented in the Preliminary Amendment submitted November 8, 2004. However, this dependent claim is believed to be allowable with parent claim 3.

The rejection of claim 1 has been rendered moot by cancellation of the involved claim.


In view of the foregoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037297.53323US).

Respectfully submitted,

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